

**Suspensions-Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, December 5th.

*Expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela:* H. Res. 259, amended, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 667; and **Pages H9730–31**

*Venezuela Humanitarian Assistance and Defense of Democratic Governance Act of 2017:* H.R. 2658, amended, to provide humanitarian assistance for the Venezuelan people, to defend democratic governance and combat widespread public corruption in Venezuela, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 671. **Pages H9745–46**

**Admiral Lloyd R. “Joe” Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II. **Page H9746**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 11th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H9746**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9755.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9729, H9730, H9730, H9731, H9742, H9743, and H9745. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **THE MISSION OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency”. Testimony was heard from Scott Pruitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### **EXAMINING THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Office of Financial Research”. Testimony was heard from Richard Berner, Director, Of-

fice of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime: Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS IN AFRICA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts in Africa”. Testimony was heard from John J. Sullivan, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; and David J. Trachtenberg, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

### **EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S EFFORTS TO COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction”. Testimony was heard from James F. McDonnell, Assistant Secretary, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction and Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; William Bryan, Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris P. Currie, Director, Emergency Management, National Preparedness, and Critical Infrastructure Protection, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office.

### **PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE: EXAMINING REFORMS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Congressional Workplace: Examining Reforms to the Congressional Accountability Act”. Testimony was heard from Victoria A. Lipnic, Acting Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Susan Tsui Grundmann, Executive Director, Office of Compliance; Gloria Lett, Counsel, Office of House Employment Counsel; and a public witness.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

#### **TRANSFORMING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 805, the “Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1349, to amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, the “Modoc County Land Transfer and Economic Development Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3961, the “Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock, LaMalfa, and Soto; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor, District 4, County of Modoc, Alturas, California; Maritsa Castellanoz, Vice Mayor, City of Tulare, California; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF IT AND CYBERSECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of IT and Cybersecurity at the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was

heard from Scott Blackburn, Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Veteran Affairs; Dominic Cussatt, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Veteran Affairs; and David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### **NEW NAMES, SAME PROBLEMS: THE VA MEDICAL SURGICAL PRIME VENDOR PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “New Names, Same Problems: The VA Medical Surgical Prime Vendor Program”. Testimony was heard from Ricky Lemmon, Acting Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Shelby Oakley, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 5:45 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

##### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.